

2000 FFA Hall of Fame Inductee

Dr. Victor E. Nylin

Dr. Victor E. Nylin was born in 1895 in Tracy, Minnesota, where he attended the public schools. He earned a B. S. in animal husbandry from the University of Minnesota in 1918. where he was a member of the international livestock judging team. He received his M.S. degree in 1924 and Ph.D. in 1937, majoring in Agricultural Education at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Nylin taught high school agriculture in Lake City and Lamberton, Minnesota, and then was supervisor of agriculture student teachers from 1922 to 1938 in Hopkins, Minnesota. While there he also taught Ag. Ed. classes at the university and edited "The Visitor", an agricultural education newsletter. From 1938 until his death in 1964 he was director and dean of agriculture at the Platteville State college, (now University of Wisconsin -Platteville). During that time he was active with the collegiate FFA and received many awards and honorary memberships. He also spoke frequently at FFA and 4-H banquets, agriculture meetings, as well as commencements and church sermons. He received the Wisconsin Council of Agriculture Cooperative recognition plaque in 1961. He wrote several books and workbooks, including Farm Mechanics for High School. Dr. Nylin (or "Doc" as he was called) was proud of his agriculture education graduates at UW-Platteville and their success as teachers or in their related agricultural professions.

Doc was a member of the American Vocational Association, National Association of College Teachers of Agriculture, N. E. A. Alpha Zeta, Phi Delta Kappa. He was listed in Who's Who in American Education, Who's Who in the Midwest, Who's Who in Wisconsin, Leaders in Education, Who's Who in Science, and was Rotary Man of the Year in 1963. Following his death 1964, scholarships were established in his honor by Rotary Club, Tri-Breeders Co-op, Farmers Union Central Exchange, and the Platteville agriculture alumni group.

Dr. Nylin passed away in Platteville, Wisconsin, on May 6, 1964, shortly after returning from teaching a morning class. Victor and his wife Florence, who died in 1990, had one daughter, Florence Robinson and three grandchildren, Mary Wagner, Eric Robinson and Ingrid Ohm.